THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) The Central Government constitutes National Industrial Tribunals from time to time for the adjudication of industrial disputes which involve questions of national importance or are of such a nature that industrial establishments situated in more than one State are likely to be interested in or affected by such disputes. At present, there is a National Industrial Tribunal functioning at Bombay adjudicating specified disputes. A National Industrial Tribunal is being constituted at Calcutta to adjudicate on a pending industrial dispute.

**Fish seeds farm in Ropar**

1864. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the World Bank aided Fish Seeds Farm in Ropar has not so far been completed;

(b) if so, by when the project is likely to be completed;

(c) whether it is also a fact that this project is likely to earn more profit than other Fish Seeds Farm because of its latest technology; and

(d) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) and (b) The Fish Seed Farm has been completed except one tube-well and cisterns. However, the farm has already been brought under fish seed production.

(c) and(d) Yes, Sir. The farm is being provided with infrastructure facilities in fish breeding, such as, circular hatchery and Bangla Bundh etc. and the farm is targetted to produce 17.00 lakh quality fish seed valued at about Rs. 1.70 lakh annually. Therefore, the farm is expected work more profitably than the existing fish seed farms in the State.

**Production of Oilseeds**

1865. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether highest priority is being given for production of oilseeds in the country;

(b) the area under oilseeds production and production of oilseeds in the country during the last three years, year-wise;

(c) whether during the last three years average yield of oilseeds per hectare has shown an increase as a result of the efforts made by Government;

(d) what has been the contribution towards increasing oilseeds production as a result of efforts made under the Technology Mission on oilseeds;

(e) what is the targetted increase in oilseeds production for the year 1987-88 and 1988-89 under Technology Mission on oilseeds; and

(f) the estimated requirement of the consumption of oilseed and shortage of oilseeds in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The area and production of oilseeds at All India Level during the last three years are as under:—

| Year | Area (million ha.) | Production (million tonnes) |
|---|---|---|
| 1984-85 . . | 18.9 | 13.0 |
| 1985-86 . . | 19.0 | 10.8 |
| 1986-87 . . | 18.6 | 11.4 |

(c) The yield of oilseeds for the years 1984-85, 1985-86 and 1986-87, was 684, 570 and 613 kgs. per hectare respectively. During 1985-86 and 1986-87 yield of oilseeds declined due to abberent weather conditions and droughts. However, during 1986-87 it improve as a result of number of steps taken by the Government.

(d) Oilseeds production in the year 1986-87 exceeded that of 1985-86 by about 6 per cent despite deterioration in monsoon by about 20 per cent. Due to the promotional works undertaken by the Mission, the area under the oilseeds like soyabean, sunflower, mustard, toria and safflower has expanded substantially over the normal level despite the severe drought in the country this year.

(e) The target for 1987-88 is 14.5 million tonnes and for 1988-89 is tentatively fixed at 15.0 million tonnes.

(f) The requirements of consumption oils is not fixed in terms of oilseeds. However, the requirement of edible oils is estimated at about 52 lakhs tonnes during 1987-88. The Government is making every effort to meet the requirement.

**Increase in the price of rice**

1866. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY:
SHRI K. MOHANAN:
SHRI SUKOMAL SEN:
SHRI NARAYAN KAR:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state what are the reasons for the increase in the administrative price of rice?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): The Central issue price of fine and superfine varieties of rice were raised from 1-10-87 consequent upon the increase in the support prices of common, fine and superfine varieties of paddy payable to farmers in the 1987-88 kharif season.

**Special AIR programme for Indian Peace keeping force in Sri Lanka**

1867. SHRI SOHAN LAL DHUSIYA:
SHRI KAPIL VERMA:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state whether All India Radio is beaming any special programmes at Sri Lanka for entertainment of the Indian Peace Keeping Force and for countering the anti-Indian propaganda of the LTTE and others concerned, and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): Yes, Sir. All India Radio has introduced a 12 hour Service to Sri Lanka. It includes items of entertainment and information to the IPKF and programmes to counter anti-Indian propaganda. The entertainment items are broadcast between 2.10 and 3.00 P.M. 6.40 to 7.00 PM, 9.15 to 10.30 PM.

The items to counter anti-Indian propaganda of LTTE are included in the various spokenword programmes and News Bulletins broadcast. The timings of the Spokenwords broadcast are as follows:

7 to 7.10 AM, 1.30 to 2.00 PM, 5 to 6.00 PM and 7.25 to 8.30.